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FM AMCONSUL BELIZE

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SUBJECT: HURRICANE FIFI

1. BELIZE CITY HAS BEEN BUFFETED BY STRONG, GUSTY WINDS WITH INTERMITTENT HEAVY RAINS SINCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. TIDES ARE SEVERAL FEET ABOVE NORMAL.

2. AT 8 P.M. LAST NIGHT GOB EMERGENCY COMMITTEE SET MAXIMUM CONDITION OF READINESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THEREBY OPENING HURRICANE SHELTERS. THIS STEP TAKEN MAINLY BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED EFFECTS IN SOUTHERN PART OF BELIZE, BUT RESIDENTS OF BELIZE CITY, MOST OF WHOM LIVE IN FLIMSILY CONSTRUCTED DWELLINGS, HAVE FILLED SHELTERS HERE. MAIN ROAD SOUTH OF BELIZE CITY RENDERED UNUSABLE BY FLOODING.

3. SINCE CONGEN PERSONNEL ARE HOUSED IN RELATIVELY STRONG BUILDINGS, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT EVACUATION TO BELMOPAN WILL BE NECESSARY UNLESS HURRICANE VEERS SHARPLY NORTHWARD. THIS NOW SEEMS UNLIKELY, BUT APPROPRIATE STANDBY MEASURES HAVE BEEN
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TAKEN. AS AN INTERMEDIATE STEP, IF CONDITIONS SO WARRANT, I

MAY DECIDE TO MOVE AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES INTO MY QUARTERS ABOVE THE OFFICE.

4. BEGINNING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON RADIO BELIZE HAS CARRIED HOURLY BULLETIN FROM CONGEN ADDRESSED TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF TOLEDO AND STANN CREEK TO FOLLOW OFFICIALLY BROADCAST SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR WHEREABOUTS TO NEAREST POLICE STATIONS.

5. THE PROMPT RECEIPT OF NOAA NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER ADVISORY BULLETINS HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US. STANDBY AVAILABILITY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN EMERGENCY NET VIA AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA AND GUATEMALA MUCH APPRECIATED. GAWF

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